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SUBJECT: PORTUGAL UNDECIDED ON SELECTION FOR UNHRC

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Pol-Econ Officer met with MFA International Organizations Officer Celia Morais to discuss our concerns about the UN Human Rights Council's progress and to underscore the importance of selecting a candidate from democratic Eastern Europe in the upcoming election. Morais agreed that nations committed to democracy should be selected whenever possible and said Portugal would take our endorsement of Bosnia into consideration. Portugal is currently in the process of evaluating which Eastern European candidate it will support.

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